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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18 and 19 remain pending in this application.
Claims 1-17 have been canceled without prejudice or
disclaimer.

Information Disclosure Statement

On May 4, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Examiner has not returned an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form to indicate that the documents have been considered.

35 U.S.C. §112

The rejection of claims 1, 7-13 and 15-17 has been rendered moot in light of new claims 18 and 19.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Stimson et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,114). Claims 8, 9 and 15 stand rejected under

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35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stimson et al.

Finally, claims 10 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) as being unpatentable over Stimson et al in view of Cohen (U.S. Patent No. 6,422,462). These rejections are traversed as follows.

According to the present invention, the service provision device receives, as a payment method for the prescribed products, the choice of online slips or ID numbers that are to be displayed on the information terminal device. The service provision device transmits the ID number of the online slip to a settlement authentication device when the service provision device receives the online slip as the choice of payment method for the prescribed product. The ID number is transmitted and displayed on the information terminal device and the settlement authentication device when the service provision device receives the ID number. The settlement terminal device reads the ID number recorded on the online slip and performs settlement. This structure enables the present invention to make it possible for customers to choose a preferable payment method depending upon their environment at the time of purchase. Therefore, even if a customer does not have a printer, he or she can choose a payment method

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using an ID number that is to be displayed on an information terminal device. In other words, it is unnecessary to write down numbers by hand as in Stimson et al.

The deficiencies in Stimson et al are not overcome by resort to Cohen. Therefore, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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